

Remarks

Claims 1 - 43 and 48 - 52 are pending in the application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-35 and 48-52 are allowable, and that claims 37, 38 and 43 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 36 and 39-42 stand rejected.

In the interests of advancing prosecution, claims 36 and 39-42 have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application, and claims 37, 38 and 43 have been rewritten in independent form. A "marked up" version of the rewritten claims has been included herein as Appendix A, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii). All pending claims are therefore believed in condition for allowance, and the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A – “Marked-up” Version of Amended Claims as Required Under 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)

37. (once amended) A dialysate solution comprising an effective amount of at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of folic acid, vitamin B₆, thiamine, vitamin B₁₂, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the at least one vitamin is present in the dialysate solution in less than a physiological amount or in a supraphysiologic amount, and wherein the [The] dialysate solution [of claim 36] further [comprising] comprises an effective amount of vitamin C.

38. (once amended) A dialysate solution comprising an effective amount of at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of folic acid, vitamin B₆, thiamine, vitamin B₁₂, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the at least one vitamin is present in the dialysate solution in less than a physiological amount or in a supraphysiologic amount, and wherein the [The] dialysate solution [of claim 36] further [comprising] comprises an effective amount of carnitine.

43. (once amended) [The] A dialysate solution [of claim 42 wherein the dialysate solution comprises] comprising folic acid, vitamin B₆, thiamine, vitamin B₁₂, vitamin C, and carnitine, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein the folic acid, vitamin B₆, thiamine, and vitamin B₁₂, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, are present in the dialysate solution in less than a physiological amount or in a supraphysiologic amount.